

General Meeting Summary
for
Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc.

Date: September 30, 2009

Location: Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd, River of Grass G, Naples, FL

Board Officers Present: Donna Akin; David Duke; Robert Pannell*; Mike Patterson; Roy Pippin*; Trish Seibold*

Others Present: Julie Bacon; John Bixler; Brian Brown; Phil Carey; Steve Coltharp; Leland Greek; Karl Holtkamp; Susan McDevitt; Greg Rubin; Chuck Sawyer; Lynda Schock; Tami Stafford; Dennis Ward; Wayne Watson; Steven Zavalney

Staff Present: Tracy Burger

*Indicates participating via phone.

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Call to Order	Board Meeting Mike Patterson called the meeting to order.	The meeting was called to order at 10:32 am.
Introductions/Roll Call	David Duke took roll of Directors present. Mike Patterson asked everyone present in the room to introduce themselves.	Information
Consideration of Minutes from July 22, 2009	Minutes were accepted as presented.	Trish Seibold moved and David Duke seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.
Expenditure Report	Tracy Burger gave the expenditure report.	Information
State Office Reports (out of agenda order)	<p>Mike Patterson introduced Bureau Chief John Bixler who proceeded to update the group on Bureau activities.</p> <p>Mr. Patterson then introduced Bob Pannell from the Office of Rural Health who noted that the Office has renewed a contract with FAREMS for training.</p> <p>Ms. Susan McDevitt from the Office of Trauma was then introduced and reported on state trauma activities. Ms. McDevitt noted that mortality rates for trauma events have decreased in the Panhandle since the opening of Tallahassee Memorial Hospital's trauma center. She also reported that Shands Hospital is using telemedicine grant to link with rural areas.</p> <p>Mr. Patterson recognized Mr. Greg Rubin, EMSAC legislative chair, who noted some proposed Rule changes in education curriculum including requirements for two hours of pediatric training and increase CEU requirements to 48 hours. Mr. Rubin also mentioned recent discussions on STEMI and stroke hospital diversions. He urged</p>	Information

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State Office Reports (continued)	<p>the group to be watchful on these discussions.</p> <p>Mr. Patterson introduced Julie Bacon of EMSC who discussed the Strategic Visions Committee's draft strategic plan and urged the group to participate. Ms. Bacon noted EMSC is holding a pediatric symposium via webinar on November 17th.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Mike Patterson introduced Phil Carey of General Devices, who proceeded with his presentation.</p>	Information
Committee Reports	<p>A. Group Purchasing Committee Mike Patterson reported that this committee held an RFP process to solicit bids for group purchasing of EMS equipment and supplies. Three valid bids were received, however, after reviewing the bids, the Committee decided not to recommend entering into an agreement of this kind at this time. It was discussed that FAREMS should work at soliciting corporate memberships from vendors and improve the benefits they received from participating. Mr. Patterson noted that he and Ms. Burger had approached the EMSAC vendors with membership information prior to the meeting.</p> <p>B. Recruitment and Retention Committee Mr. Patterson noted that the R&R video had been completed and will be distributed to member agencies. Accompanying brochures will be made available ASAP. Ms. Burger noted she had some of the videos to distribute to the members present after the meeting. Mr. Patterson also noted that three rural agency directors attended the 2009 Pinnacle EMS conference in St. Petersburg last month and he recommended it to the group.</p> <p>C. Scholarship Committee Mr. Patterson noted that the Committee awarded six paramedic and two EMT scholarships in June and will review another nine applications immediately following the meeting. Additional funding for future scholarships has not yet been secured.</p>	Information

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Staff Report	<p>Tracy Burger gave this report:</p> <p>A. Programs/Grants Ms. Burger referred to several reports in the handout packet including: RHND grant final report; 2007 State EMS Matching Grant final report which notes that FAREMS was able to award 41 scholarships with this grant; DOH Bureau of Chronic Disease contract final report which notes that 53 paramedics and EMTs were trained as ASLS instructors and 76 additional EMS professionals were trained in ASLS; State Office of Rural Health 2009 contract for scholarships and R&R video final report; 2009 Bureau of EMS CPR/AED contract which enabled 191 citizens to be trained in CPR/AED. Ms. Burger recognized Dixie County EMS and Tim Alexander for their support of FAREMS and sponsoring the organization through the federal grants programs.</p> <p>B. 2009 Rural Florida EMS Agency Survey Report Ms. Burger noted some key findings of the survey report including: over 50% of responding agencies still do not have a active recruitment and/or retention program; 44% of agencies rate the potential for recruiting qualified staff in their community as "fair" or "poor"; training needs include PALS, BTLs, and ACLS as well as FarMedic; overall satisfaction with medical direction; majority of respondents do not use the NCEMSC for group purchasing but those that do are satisfied with the service, product availability and price of the program; an increased need for additional equipment than years past. Ms. Burger noted the survey report is available on our website on the publications and reports page.</p> <p>C. Membership Ms. Burger referred to the current membership list in the handouts, noting that Tampa General Aeromed was a new agency member. She also referred to the return on investment sheet which indicates that for every dollar a 2009 agency member has spent on dues and training, they received \$3.89 of service value in return with a 287% return on investment.</p> <p>D. EMSAC Strategic Plan Ms. Burger referred to EMSAC's current and draft strategic plans which FAREMS is lead on current objective 3.11. That objective is to "increase paramedic and EMT staffing percentage at EMS agencies located in rural counties." Ms. Burger noted that this objective is scheduled to continue into the new plan, however, strategies were reviewed with the group and will be revised.</p> <p>E. New Office of Rural Health Contract Ms. Burger noted that FAREMS has entered into a new contract with the Office of Rural Health that will provide in-house training and some scholarship funds for the next year.</p>	Information
Old Business	None.	Information

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New Business	<p>A. 2010 State EMS Matching Grants Mr. Patterson noted that at the next meeting Tracy Burger will bring some draft proposals for projects to apply for State EMS Matching Grant funds, including: 1) a training program via website podcasting; and 2) community-based EMS outreach program. Mr. Patterson asked for any other suggestions from the group.</p> <p>B. David Duke suggested the group recognize Ed Wilson, Bureau of EMS, and Susan Gaye, Office of Rural Health, for their support of FAREMS and the integral role they played in getting the organization started.</p> <p>C. Mike Patterson introduced Mr. Dennis Ward of the U.S. Lifesaving Organization.</p> <p>D. Mike Patterson reminded the group of the Access to Care meeting tomorrow at 10:00 am. They will be discussing ER wait times.</p> <p>E. Next meeting January 20, 2010, in Daytona Beach, FL</p>	<p>Information</p> <p>David Duke motioned and Donna Akin seconded for FAREMS to prepare plaques for Ed Wilson and Susan Gaye to recognize them for their support of the organization. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm.